



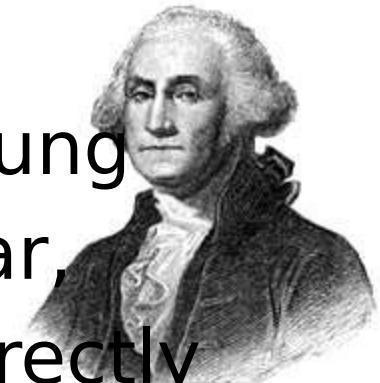
***2015 Ft. Drum
Retiree
Appreciation Day***

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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by this country.”



George Washington

George Washington 1781





Soldier Life Cycle



Start Strong

- Recruit Top 29%
- HS Diploma / College
- PaYS Partner (Partnerships for Youth Success)
- Initial Entry Training (IET)
- Army Values and Warrior Ethos



STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS
MEAN A STRONGER ARMY

Serve Strong

- Technical and Leadership experience
- PME supports continued development
- ACT / COOL / J2
- Credentialing, Certifications and Licensing



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Remain Strong

- Community Reception
- National Guard / Reserve
- VSO / MSO
- Retired Soldiers / veterans



Re-integrate Strong

- SFL-Transition Assistance Program (TAP)
- Retirement Services
- National Guard / Reserve
- Army Network / Mentors
- Community Action



Teams

- Apprenticeships/Internships



Army Retirement Services

An Army Program Since 1955

Retirement is a process, not an event!

32,210 Soldiers retired in FY14

2015
Population
Served

| | Active Army | ARNG | USAR | Retired_Soldiers | Surviving Spouses | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 2015 Population Served | 491,177 | 349,695 | 198,666 | 944,793 | 249,765 | 2.23M |

Pre-Retirement Policy Post-Retirement Policy

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 117 Retirement Services Officers• Career Status Bonus Counseling• Pre-Retirement Counseling• SBP/RCSBP Counseling• MyArmyBenefits website• Soldier for Life website | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lifetime benefits advice & supportSurvivor Benefit Plan (SBP) assistance• Army Echoes Newsletter & Blog• CSA & Installation Retired Soldier Councils• Retiree Appreciation Days |
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AR 600-8-7 - “Retirement Services Program”

[http](http://)



CSA Retired Soldier Council's Recommendations to the CSA

<http://>



- More info at: www.ltcfeds.com or 1-800-582-3337

- Retirees are eligible
- Want to Help? www.aerhq.org or 1-866-878-6378 to donate or start an allotment from retired pay.

<https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>



MyArmyBenefits

14 pages of
NY state benefits!

• Benefit Library

- Federal Fact Sheets
- State and Territory Benefits Fact Sheets
- Resource Locators

• Benefit Calculators

- Retirement
- Survivor Benefits
- Deployment Calculator

• Benefits Help Desk Operations

• Wounded Warrior Special Module

- Wounded Warrior / DRE Calculator
- Sustaining Income Calculator

• Casualty Operations Special Module

<http://myarmybenefits.usarmy.mil> Summary Benefits Report

Links directly to DEERS information
through CAC or DS Logon.



Soldier for Life Branding



Soldier for Life
logo and window
sticker



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong



US Army
Lapel Button



US Army
Retired
Lapel
Button



US Army Retired ID Badge



The Army Retirement Services Website

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>



Army Echoes

ECHOES THE NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED SOLDIERS, SURVIVING SPOUSES & FAMILIES

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Raymond T. Odierno
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Greetings Retired Soldiers and Families,

The start of the New Year gives us a chance to look back on what the Army has accomplished in 2014 and to look forward to 2015. Over the past year, our Army has answered the nation's call around the world. Our forces are responding on all continents simultaneously to a diverse range of challenges and threats. Even as we transition to Operation Resolute Support in Afghanistan after more than thirteen years of war, we are also responding to challenges in other parts of the world. We have also returned to advise and assist Iraq Security forces as they work to restore stability and defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

We have deployed forces to Eastern Europe in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to deter Russian aggression and assure our European Allies. We are actively supporting national defense objectives in the Pacific, whether in Thailand, the Philippines, or Korea. We are also responding to the challenges in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq, where ISIS has wreaked havoc on that continent. In all, we have close to 140,000 Soldiers deployed, committed, and forward-stationed worldwide defending our nation's interests at home and abroad. I am extremely proud of all that our Soldiers have accomplished and of the important missions that they perform.

I am also proud of our Retired Soldiers, veterans, and family members who stand behind us. They have sacrificed so much for the nation and serve as the face of the Army for millions of Americans. As the Army downsizes, the ranks of our veterans will increase as will their presence and voice throughout our communities. It is therefore imperative that we enable positive transitions of Soldiers into civilian life and provide them with the resources they need to succeed. The Soldier for Life (SFL) chapter of the Soldier for Life (SFL) is one tool that helps us care for veterans, and I continue to encourage you to become familiar with it at <http://soldierforlife.army.mil>.

Our All-Volunteer Army is what makes us unique. It is what unites Soldiers serving past and present. Despite the threats we face around the globe, and though we face fiscal challenges, we are meeting our strategic imperatives because of the professionalism and dedication of our Soldiers. I thank you for your continued support and I remind Congressional leaders of this at every opportunity while emphasizing the need for consistent rather than piecemeal funding to support the Total Army force and veterans.

I would ask each of you to continue to tell the Army story—let your friends, coworkers, and neighbors know of the tremendous sacrifices that our Soldiers make daily—because you have been there, and you know firsthand. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the United States Army and our great nation.

The strength of our nation is our Army. The strength of our Army is our Soldiers. The strength of our Soldiers is our families. And that is what makes us Army Strong!

ONCE A SOLDIER, ALWAYS A SOLDIER...A SOLDIER FOR LIFE

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- **No *myPay* account? We'll mail to the address on file at HRC (Gray Area Soldiers) or DFAS**
- **iPhone, iPad, Android phone apps**
- **Subscribe to the *Army Echoes* Blog to receive frequent news between editions at <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>.**



Happy Birthday Retirement Services Program!



Army Chief of Staff GEN Maxwell Taylor created the Army Retirement Services Program on 14 NOV 1955.





- **The federal budget**
- **Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission proposals**
- **Communicating with the retired community**
- **Gray Area Soldiers not updating HRC**



What You Can Still Do for the Army

- **Stay engaged with the Army**
- **Tell your Army story**
- **Mentor a Vet or a retiring Soldier**
- **Hire a Vet or refer one for a job opening you know of**
- **Encourage young people to join the Army**
- **Volunteer on post or with a Veterans Service Organization or Military Service Organization**
- **Vote & tell your Congressman to support the military**



For more information

Army

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Air Force

<http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

Navy

http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/retired_activities/Pages/default.aspx

Marine Corps

https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/SR

Coast Guard

<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>



Thank you for your service!

